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Applicants : *Kong et al.*
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Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004. The undersigned attorney appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and responds herein to the issues presented. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 3 of this paper.